

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
3 OAKLAND DIVISION  
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5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

6 Plaintiff,

7 vs.

8 LAL BHATIA,

9 Defendant.

Case No: CR 05-00334 SBA

**ORDER**

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11 On March 17, 2011, Defendant Lal Bhatia (“Defendant”) pleaded guilty to Count  
12 One of the Indictment—Wire Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1343, and to Count Four of the  
13 Indictment—Money Laundering, 18 U.S.C. § 1957. Dkt. 553, 556. On September 7, 2011,  
14 the Court sentenced Defendant to a term of sixty-three months of imprisonment to be  
15 served concurrently on Counts One and Four, and a term of three years of supervised  
16 release to run concurrently on Counts One and Four. Dkt. 597, 602, 604. The Court also  
17 ordered Defendant to pay a special assessment of \$200 and restitution of \$1,987,250. Id.

18 On September 30, 2011, Defendant, acting pro se, filed a motion to vacate, set aside  
19 or correct his sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Dkt. 614. Also on September 30,  
20 2011, Defendant filed a motion for bail pending resolution of his § 2255 motion, and, a  
21 motion to be relieved of appointed counsel and to appear pro se in connection with the §  
22 2255 motion. Dkt. 613, 615. The Government has not responded to Defendant’s motions.  
23 To expedite this matter, the Court directs the Government to respond to Defendant’s  
24 motions as set forth below. Accordingly,


25 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Defendant’s motion to be relieved of counsel  
26 and to proceed pro se is GRANTED. The Government shall file its response to  
27 Defendant’s motion for bail and Defendant’s § 2255 motion within thirty (30) days of the  
28 date of this order. Defendant shall file his reply to the Government’s response within

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1 fourteen (14) days from the date the Government files its response. This order terminates  
2 Docket 613.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.  
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6 Dated: October 6, 2011

  
7 SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
8 United States District Judge  
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8 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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10 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

11 That on October 7, 2011, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said  
12 copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing  
13 said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle  
14 located in the Clerk's office.

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16 **Lal Bhatia** (1)  
17 97562-011  
18 Federal Detention Center  
19 5675 Eighth Street, Camp Parks  
20 Dublin, CA 94568

21 Dated: October 7, 2011

22 Richard W. Wieking, Clerk

23 By: LISA R CLARK, Deputy Clerk  
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